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Degree in Yoga
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to incorporate Yoga in the list of recognised degrees and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether UGC has written to all universities that yoga teaching may be included in bachelors and masters programmes of Physiotherapy;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the universities thereto;
(d) the number of Central Universities identified to implement the Yoga education programme till date; and
(e) whether the Government has also asked the UGC to constitute a committee for creation of good quality text books and manuals for the syllabus in this regard; and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the committee is likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)
(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been asked to examine the nomenclature of the degree courses for inclusion in the list of degrees specified by it under Section 22(3) of the UGC Act, 1956.
(b) & (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has written to the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities on 19th May, 2016 for including Yoga syllabus in Bachelors of Physiotherapy (BPT) and Masters of Physiotherapy (MPT) in the 2016-17 academic session. The template of the syllabus for BPT and MPT as designed by the Ministry of AYUSH is available on UGC website at http://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/1229406_UGC-Letter-Yoga.pdf.
(d) & (e): Six Central Universities will have functional Yoga Departments from academic session 2016-17. The UGC has been requested to constitute a committee of subject matter experts in consultation with Ministry of AYUSH for the creation of good quality text books and manuals for the syllabus prepared for B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D. and diploma/advanced diploma courses in Yoga.
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